

Many Men of Many Minds

A PAGE OF OPINIONS

Rep. Andrew J. Volstead.—I am not only convinced that prohibition is a good thing, but also that the law passed to enforce it is a good one. I am gratified to know that the distillers, the brewers, and the friends of the saloon are against this law. I have no sympathy for the kind of liberty they want, liberty to restore the saloon and nurse the brothel; liberty to fill the jails and crowd the almshouses; liberty to wreck manhood and blast hope; liberty to profit on suffering and insanity; liberty to gratify their alcoholic drink habit at the expense of ruined homes and wasted lives—none of these are inalienable rights.

Some Fail in Their Duty

Herbert C. Hoover.—No one should be able to dictate the policies of great parties, yet every man and woman has the right to decide what issues and measures he will support.

"Perseverance Is More Prevailing Than Violence—"

Samuel Crowther.—The socialistic propaganda is not marvelously clever except when contrasted with the counter propaganda. It is, however, marvelously persistent and works exactly twenty-four hours a day seven days a week. Therein is part of its strength. The other part of its strength and the biggest part is that its subject matter is of vital, universal interest—the making of a new and better world.

Truer Words Never Spoken

Rose A. Davison.—Today more than in war-time it is necessary that we, the people, native-born and foreign, mutually understand and share with each other the high ideals of life and service.

Isaac Don Levine.—The Russian revolution has won its fight and the soviet government in Russia has come to stay. The sooner the United States Government realizes it, the better for the interests of America and Russia. Instead of following in the trail of Great Britain, which is now receiving a soviet trade commission, let us have a policy of our own and exert our influence on the future Russia, not through military expeditions, but through peaceful economic methods. The Bolshevik government is a signal success politically and militarily and just as signal a failure economically.

We'll Do Our Share

William J. Doherty.—What Serbia wants is to be helped to help herself. She wants material aid, but above all she needs the expert knowledge and experience we have gained in the care and training of children.

Cheering News From Redfield

William C. Redfield.—Let us get rid of a lot of this talk of unmitigated suffering. In New York State one person out of every three—including babies and prisoners and inmates of institutions—has between \$500 and \$600 in the savings bank. That the high cost of living is today a serious burden on the community as a whole is not true.

Johnson on Americanism

Senator Hiram Johnson.—I believe in an Americanism which protects free speech and the right of peaceable assembly, that safeguards the individual and minority in lawful, legitimate expression; an Americanism as zealous of the law for the few as for the many.

Samuel G. Blythe.—Politics is rotten—rotten even than most of those suspect who have none but casual knowledge of the inside of it. But the reason politics is rotten is because the very people who complain loudest of its putridity have allowed it to decay as it has. There isn't a person living in this republic whose daily life, success, failure, mode of living and entire habit of life are not affected directly by politics, regulated thereby and assessed thereon.

They're Doing Pretty Well

Glenn Plumb.—It is a mighty serious situation when the people themselves take control of the government, a mighty serious situation!

How to End War

Senator William E. Borah.—The only way to put a check on war is to give the people, the fathers and mothers who pay in finance and children, the right to determine whether there shall be war or peace. I would write into the Constitution an amendment forbidding the country to enter into any war, except one of defense, until the people had the opportunity to express their will by vote.

All Put Up to Uncle Sam

David Lloyd George.—Supervision of the Turkish Empire will strain the resources of the Allies to the utmost. But if the United States had been ready to come in, America might have undertaken the protection of the Armenian population, not merely in Armenia proper, but in Cilicia and some of the adjoining provinces.

Admiral W. T. Mayo.—The difference of opinion as to what constitutes an adequate navy can be traced to our lack of a definite foreign policy. The remedy for this condition lies outside the Navy Department. The organization of the Navy Department before and during the war, and now, is unsatisfactory. As long as the present organization exists, the maximum efficiency, either in preparation for war, in the conduct of war, or in economical development of the navy in peace, cannot be attained. In the present organization responsibility for the readiness of the navy for war cannot be placed anywhere but with the Secretary of the Navy, who must co-ordinate thirteen offices, boards and bureaus.

Faults in the Navy Outlined

Why Not Forbid Re-Marrying?

Rev. Dr. William T. Manning.—To say that men and women may live together for a time and then, with legal sanction, separate and form new alliances as often as they please is practically to abolish marriage and to substitute a system of legalized free love. This is the situation which we as a nation have reached. Our present system of easy divorce is in some respects less moral than the system of polygamy.

"Clean-Up and Paint-Up Week"

Henry P. Davison.—No matter how many treaties are signed, world peace will remain unestablished until Central Europe and the Near East are thoroughly cleansed and disinfected. America is just as unsafe as Europe from typhus and the white plague, now spreading over the world with lightning rapidity. More people are daily dying now than during the war.

Jean Louis Barthou.—I have confidence that the United States will finally ratify the Peace Treaty. The United States will one day take her place in the League of Nations, but meanwhile the Treaty which guarantees England, the United States and France is a dead letter. England has obtained her security by the destruction of the German fleet, but France stands alone.

The French Fear Germany

France Needs United States

Raymond Poincare.—Let us hope that America herself, despite the vote of the Senate, will feel the force of the economic bonds which unite her to France, and which are no less solid than the moral and political bonds between them. Let us wait for the day when the United States, relieved of internal embarrassments, will again take the great place to which she is entitled in association with the powers which fought together for liberty. And, henceforth, let us neglect nothing to avoid misunderstandings between the Allies of Europe, and prevent national rivalries from destroying the unfinished work a few months after victory. It is quite enough that our former enemies are everywhere exerting their ingenuity to undo what we have done.

Possibly He's Right

Nikolai Lenin.—In Russia we have wheat, flax, platinum, potash, and many minerals of which the whole world stands in desperate need. The world must come to us for them in the end, Bolshevism or no Bolshevism. There are signs that a realization of this truth is gradually awakening.

S. J. Lowell.—Are the farmers going to produce less? Yes, they are going to produce a whole lot less. They do not want to, but they are forced to.

Farmers Are Going to Raise Less

We have not the help we need. The farmer wants the same earning power and the same pay per hour as prevail in any other business. If one class is paid more than another, the workers will gravitate away from the farm. That is why labor is going away from agriculture. If you think the farmer is rolling in wealth, why don't you come out and roll in it—there is plenty of room. The great trouble is that the laboring class is doing a lot of hollering and the farmer is doing a lot of hoeing.

Time Alone Will Tell

John F. Lucey.—The Hoover movement has been from the outside in and not from the inside out. Sentiment for Herbert Hoover as the Republican presidential nominee has been spreading rapidly.

The Opinion of Labor

Samuel Gompers.—High wages do not mean increased cost of production, but, on the contrary, are the greatest possible incentive toward the invention of better machinery and tools in order that the worker's power may be extended to an almost indefinite degree. Cheap men do not mean cheap output.

It Doesn't Always Pay

Senator William E. Borah.—For many years the use of money in elections has been growing enormously. It has now attained an astounding extent in controlling nominations and elections, and the year 1920 promises to become a perfect Saturnalia of corruption.

Governor James M. Cox.—Men in business seek first of all to make a reasonable profit. Then they add what they have to pay to the government in excess profits tax, and that goes into the price of the article they sell. The man who produces the raw product does it; so does the manufacturer who buys the raw product; the jobber does likewise; so does the retailer. When the commodity for sale reaches the consumer this process of multiplication of taxes does no good. I would abolish the excess profits tax, substituting for it a tax of one and one-half per cent on volume of business.

Iniquities of Excess Profits Tax

"Music Hath Charms to Soothe—"

Jan G. Masaryk.—There is absolute freedom of education in Czecho-Slovakia. What is more we are following the example of America of standing on our own feet. Of course conditions are unsettled but when we compare Czecho-Slovakia to Germany, Austria, Russia, we feel that economically we are in a strong position. We were a country held together through our adversity by our music, and we're not going to forget it now.

Quite Unimportant, Nevertheless True

Ralph D. Paine.—The prospect of an American merchant marine, energetic and powerful, invading all trade routes, forbidden by laws to join the existing conferences and agreements for the amicable division of ocean traffic, disturbs Great Britain.

A Pink Red Rule in Germany

Maximilian Harden.—The outside world must prepare itself to deal with a modified soviet government in Germany. Democracy has had its chance and lost it.

Senator Joseph I. France.—If we are candid we must admit that, judged by their legislative records in the Congress during the last three years so far as concerns their ability to represent and defend vital American principles, both these great parties are as decadent as the issues which first quickened them into being. They hold their noble names, but they have become apostate from the great principles and policies which they once advanced and so valiantly defended.

Both Parties Need Rejuvenation

Sorry You Feel That Way

Lady Nancy Astor.—Men have made such a mess of things that women are justified in taking the vote away from them.